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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 42 25, wherein said bioabsorbable material is a polymer made from an organic monomer.
3. (Previously Presented) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 2, wherein said coating is selected from a group consisting of glycosides; a L-lactide; a D-lactide; a meso-lactide; 1,4-dioxan-2-one, trimethylene carbonate; and e-caprolactone.
4. (Previously Presented) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 12, wherein said anchor has a barbed harpoon-like shape.
5. (Previously Presented) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 4, wherein said anchor has a single barb.
6. (Currently Amended) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 5, wherein said ~~surgical electrode~~ temporary cardiac pacing wire is made from an said

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electrically conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-section.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 6,~~
~~wherein said barb~~ In a temporary cardiac pacing wire which is made from an electrically
conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-section and which
includes an anchor, the improvement wherein said anchor has a barbed harpoon-like
shape with a single barb which is made from a flattened section of said electrically
conductive wire, and wherein said anchor is coated with a bioabsorbable material.

8. (Previously Presented) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 7,
wherein said flattened section of said anchor includes a pair of substantially flat, planar
surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said
wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section.

9. (Previously Presented) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 8,
wherein said flattened section of said anchor has an asymmetrical shape.

10. (Previously Presented) In a surgical electrode having an anchor, the
improvement wherein said anchor is coated with a bioabsorbable material, said anchor
having a barbed harpoon-like shape with a single barb, said surgical electrode being made
from an electrically conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-

section, said barb being made from a flattened section of said wire, said flattened section of said anchor having an asymmetrical shape and including a pair of substantially flat, planar surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section, said wire having a multi-strand construction.

11. (Original) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 10, wherein said anchor, including said barb, is constrained by said bioabsorbable coating.

12. (Currently Amended) In a temporary cardiac pacing wire which is made from an electrically conductive wire and which includes having an anchor, the improvement wherein ~~said anchor is coated with a bioabsorbable material~~ said anchor is provided with a barb made from a flattened section of said electrically conductive wire.

13 to 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) In a surgical electrode having an anchor, the improvement wherein said anchor has a harpoon-like shape with a single barb, said surgical electrode being made from an electrically conductive wire having a generally circular shape in transverse cross-section, said barb being made from a flattened section of said wire, said flattened section of said anchor having an asymmetrical shape and

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including a pair of substantially flat, planar surfaces lying on opposite sides of a plane containing a central longitudinal axis of said wire, whereby said barb has a generally rectangular shape in transverse cross section, said flattened section of said anchor, said wire having a multi-strand construction.

19. (Original) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 18, wherein said anchor, including said barb, is constrained by said bioabsorbable coating.

20. (Previously Presented) The improved surgical electrode of Claim 19, wherein said surgical electrode is a temporary cardiac pacing wire.

21 to 24. (Canceled)

25. (New) The improved temporary cardiac pacing wire of Claim 12, wherein said anchor, including said barb, is coated with a bioabsorbable material.